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Applicant: CLELAND

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Application No.: 09/876,992

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For: Tensioning System For A Musical Drum

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as set forth hereinbelow:

IN THE CLAIMS:

\ Please substitute the following claim 1 for claim 1 as filed.

1. (Amended) A drum shell comprising:

a' a rigid, hollow body having first and second opposing opened ends for receiving drum heads to cover the open ends, the body having an inner surface and an outer surface, at least the outer surface being of convoluted form, wherein the convoluted form is defined by elongated channels in the body, the channels extending towards said ends.

\ Cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

\ Substitute the following claim 5 for claim 5 as filed.

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